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CAGID rebate applications have been mailed

Property owners within the Central Area General Improvement District (CAGID) who provide their own parking spaces free of charge may receive a rebate on property taxes paid to CAGID. CAGID rebate applications for 2005 taxes (paid in 2006) have been mailed to all CAGID property owners. All applications must be returned by October 31, 2006 to city of Boulder, DUHMD/Parking Services, 1500 Pearl, Suite 302, Boulder, CO 80302. For more information, to see a map of the CAGID area, or to obtain an application, call (303) 413-7300 or go to http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/, city A-Z, Parking, Downtown, Downtown and University Hill/Parking Services, Downtown, Central Area General Improvement District, 2005 CAGID Refund.

Caution is urged as bears begin forage for hibernation

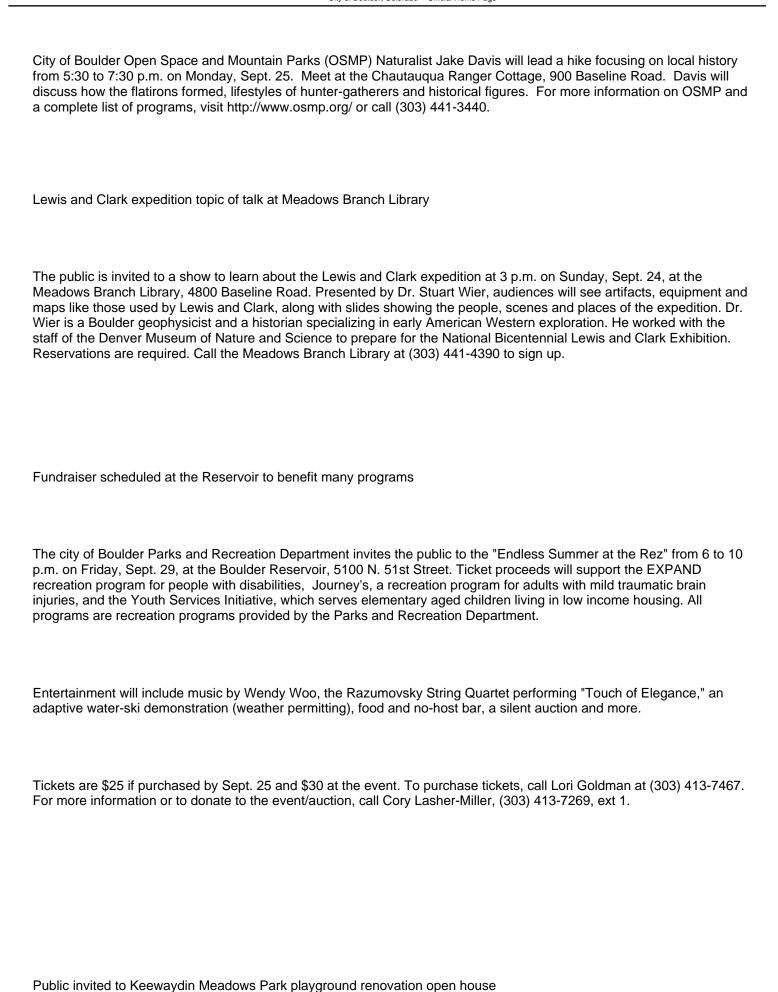
City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) urges caution on trails as fall is typically the time of year bears forage in preparation for hibernation. The following tips are recommended in case visitors encounter a bear:

- NEVER run. Running can make a bear chase you;
- Keep your distance. Back slowly away from the bear. Avoid direct eye contact;
- Gather children around you and leash your dog;
- Slowly and calmly leave the area. Talk aloud in a low voice so the bear will be aware of your presence;
- Never throw food to distract a bear;
- Fight back if attacked. Black bears have been driven away when people fight with rocks, sticks, binoculars or even bare hands; and
- Report any bear sightings by calling 911 or the Wildlife Hotline at (720) 564-2020.

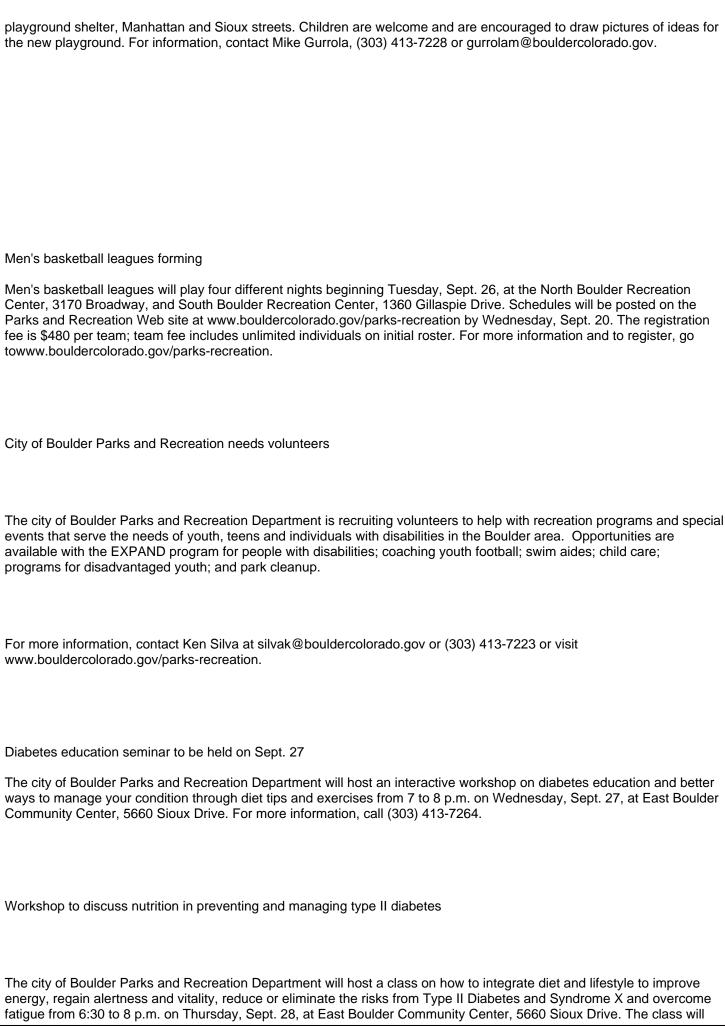
For more information on OSMP, visit http://www.osmp.org/ or call (303) 441-3440.

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The Boulder Police Department, together with the Association for Community Living, will be offering Safety First for Youth from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 11 through Nov. 8, at the Boulder Police Department, 1805 33rd Street.
Safety First for Youth is a free, five-week program designed to provide safety tips to middle and high school-aged students with developmental disabilities. The curriculum of the program covers decision-making skills, street-smart safety, home security, fire prevention and safety, and getting around town safely. The classes are a combination of lecture, small group and hands-on activities, and maintain a low instructor-student ratio. The registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 4. To receive more information or to register, contact Kris Gibson at gibsonkr@bouldercolorado.gov or (303) 441-3332.
Fall hike offered
City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Naturalist Debbie Matlock will lead an autumn hike into Gregory Canyon from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23. Meet at the Gregory Canyon trailhead at the west end of Baseline Road. The moderate hike will explore the internal and external rhythms of fall. For more information on OSMP and a complete list of programs, visit http://www.osmp.org/ or call (303) 441-3440.
Fall color hike scheduled
City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Ranger Melissa Repjar will lead a hike along the Enchanted Mesa trail from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24. Meet at the Chautauqua Ranger Cottage, 900 Baseline Road. Repjar will explain why and how leaves change color in the fall. The hike is designed for children, but everyone is welcome. Please wear hiking shoes and bring water. For more information on OSMP and a complete list of programs, visit http://www.osmp.org/ or call (303) 441-3440.
Tales of the Old West hike



The city of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to an open house to discuss ideas for the renovation and redesign of the Keewaydin Park playground at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Keewaydin Park



be presented by Seth Braun, holistic health counselor. For more information, call (303) 413-7264.

Parks and Recreation fall class registration underway

City of Boulder fall recreation classes are underway. Participants may register online or via mail-in, phone-in, walk-in and drop-off registration. Class information and eConnect online registration is available at http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/. A complete list of programs is available online or at all city recreation centers. For phone-in registration, call the Parks and Recreation registration office at (303) 413-7270. Sign up for the Parks and Recreation e-mail newsletter list to be informed of registration deadlines at http://www.bouldercolorado.gov/.

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